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REMARKS

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1. On 30 October 1953, a combined train including four flatcars, each loaded with two wooden crates, about 3 meters long, 1.6 meters high and 1.8 meters wide, was observed at Leuthen-Wintdorf railroad station. The crates which were unpainted had an inscription in Cyrillic letters and a sheet iron pocket at the front side. 1

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2. At 8:30 a.m. on 6 November, about 30 railroad cars each loaded with a large crate were observed at Angermuende railroad station. The crates were about 3 meters high and took up almost the loading area of the cars. An inscription in Cyrillic letters and projections were observed at the frontal sides of the crates. 2

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3. Around 9:15 a.m. on 6 November, 10 flatcars with sideracks, each loaded with a crate, were observed in Seddin. Each crate was 7 to 8 meters long, about 3 meters high, and almost as wide as the flatcar. All of the crates had projections at their frontal sides and bore inscriptions in small black and larger blue figures.  About 15 air force soldiers escorted the shipment. 3

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1.  Comment. Leuthen-Wintdorf railroad station is located south of Cottbus along the rail road line leading to Senftenberg. The railroad cars probably carried crates with engines which were possibly destined for Grossenhain or Welsow airfield.

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2.  Comment. The shipment carried aircraft crates which had been observed leaving some airfields in November. The train observed at Angermuende railroad station is probably identical with the shipment of 38 aircraft crates which left Puetznitz on 5 November 1953. It has not been determined whether the crates were empty or loaded. A decrease of the number of MIG-15s at Puetznitz airfield has not been observed so far.

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3.  Comment. Seddin railroad station is a shunting station south of Potsdam. The crates observed there possibly came from Zerbst airfield as a crate shipment from this airfield was observed in Frankfurt/Oder on 7 November 1953.

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